

Balfour Barraud to George Washington, December 25, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM BALFOUR BARRAUD. ¹

LITTLE ENGLAND ² 25th. Decemr. 1774

SIR,

We have occasion for about a Thousand Barrs. flour a few hundred Bars. of bread but it must be ready by the first day of March at farthest —

We have sent Mr. Leonard Tarrant properly impowered, any bargain he may make with you shall be binding on us faithfully comply'd with —

one half to be paid at next April the other at June Courts

We have signed an agreement the quantity price to be filled up by Mr. Tarrant — We have a Ship that will be soon in your River to load —

We are SirYour obt. Servts BALFOUR BARRAUD —

please to send us by Mr. Tarrant ½ doz Bars. flour for our own use — B. B. ³

¹ James Balfour, see vol. iv. p. 124. "Last Thursday Mr. Robert Taylor of Norfolk to Miss Sally Barraud, eldest dau. of Mr. Daniel Barraud, merchant in that place." —Virginia Gazette, October 3, 1771. General Robert Barraud Taylor was the son of this marriage.

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2 On the west side of the river lived in these early days that very quiet character in our early history called William Capps, who resided at "Little England," anciently known as Capp's Point, and who in 1619 represented Kecoughtan in the first American Legislature. — Old Kecoughtan, William and Mary Quarterly.

3 "Agreed between Coll George Washington and Balfour Barraud to wit The said Washington Agrees to deliver unto the said Balfour Barraud at his Mill on Potomack one thousand Barrels of fine barr flour [???] Barrels of good well baked biscuit for a long Voyage for which Balfour Barraud agrees to pay at the rate of Sixteen Shillings per hundred for the Flour at the rate of [???] per hundred for the bread, one half to be paid at April the other at June October Court next ensuing, the flour Bread must be and is agreed to be all ready by the first day of March next. Witness our hands and Seals this 4th day of January 3775 BALFOUR BARRAUD [???] GO. WASHINGTON [???] Note. It is agreed by Geo:Washington to lend his Boatto assist in getting the Flour fromthe Mill door to the Ship at the Mouthof the Creek."